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SUBJECT: TRAINING OF DOGS FOR IRANIAN GENDARMERIE (IIG)

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1. US CUSTOMS, WHICH HAS EXTENSIVE DETECTOR DOG PROGRAM BELIEVES IT IMPRACTICAL FOR IIG OFFICIALS MAKE INFORMED ANALYSIS OF BENEFITS AND REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT IN-DEPTH CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUALS. SUGGEST IIG CONSIDER SENDING SMALL TEAM OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO OBSERVE US PROGRAMS IN ACTION AND TALK WITH PROGRAM MANAGERS.

2. US CUSTOMS CAN ARRANGE FOR OFFICIALS TO SEE HOW DETECTOR DOGS ARE TRAINED, SELECTED AND USED IN CUSTOMS OPERATIONS. CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF DOGS, AS WELL AS PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING DOG PROGRAMS CAN BE DISCUSSED, AND SOLUTIONS SUGGESTED. WE CAN ALSO ARRANGE FOR VISITORS TO TALK

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WITH PRIVATE FIRMS CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING SUCH PROGRAMS

AND, IF IIG OFFICIALS' SCHEDULE PERMITS, THEY COULD
OBSERVE SELECTED PORTIONS OF DETECTOR DOG HANDLING PRO-
GRAM WHICH CUSTOMS IS OPERATING FOR FOREIGN CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS AT FRONT ROYAL ON MARCH 3-21.

3. IF IIG AGREES SEND SMALL TEAM FOR THIS PURPOSE, CCINC
WILLING CONSIDER THIS AS SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM,
ENABLING USG TO FUND DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. IF
VISITORS WISH, WE CAN ADD VISITS TO OTHER USG FACILITIES
(E.G., USAF DOG TRAINING CENTER AT LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS)
INVOLVED IN SENTRY DOG PROGRAMS, BUT CCINC FUNDING OF
DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM LIMITED TO THAT PORTION OF
PROGRAM DEVOTED TO DETECTOR DOG ACTIVITIES.

4. FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON DETECTOR DOG PROGRAMS,
SEE STATE A-1599 OF FEBRUARY 21, 1973.

5. WE BELIEVE GENMISH IS AWARE OF PREVIOUS IIG PROGRAM,
WHICH FAILED FOR CULTURAL REASONS, I.E. MOSLEM ANTIPATHY
TO DOGS. POSSIBILITY OF US ENCOURAGING DETECTOR DOG
PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED IN 1972, BUT GENMISH CHIEF AT THAT
TIME OPPOSED IT BECAUSE OF EXPERIENCE WITH PREVIOUS
PROGRAM. HIS VIEW WAS THAT DOGS COULD MAKE GOOD CONTRI-
BUTION TO IRANIAN NARCOTICS PROGRAM ONLY IF CULTURAL
PROBLEM RESOLVED. HIS SUGGESTION WAS THAT IIG SHOULD
HIRE FOREIGN DOGS AND HANDLERS, WHICH WAS NOT FINANCIALLY
POSSIBLE THEN BUT MAY BE NOW. KISSINGER

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